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of the present policy of Government that no increase in assessment will be made as a result of resettlement, and the Government of the future will be allowed to tackle this vital question; and

(b) if so, what they are and when orders are likely to be passed in the matter?

A.—There are no such proposals.

Progress of the resettlement operations in the northern taluks of the Salem district.

* 647 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the resettlement operations in the northern taluks of the Salem district now are; and

(b) when the scheme report is likely to be published?

A.—The attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (a) of question No. 76 at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 6th August 1935. The Government have no further information.

Progress of the resettlement operations in the hill villages in Salem district.

* 648 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the resettlement operations in the hill villages in Salem district now is; and

(b) when the scheme report therefor is likely to be published?

A.—The scheme report for the resettlement of the hill villages in the Salem district has been published as a special supplement to the *Salem District Gazette* for December 1935. Copies of the scheme report have been sent to the members of the Legislative Council.

Local Self-Government

Municipalities which passed vote of censure on their Commissioners.

* 649 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any of the municipalities have passed vote of censure on their Commissioners;

(b) if so, what those municipalities are;

(c) when such resolutions were passed and what orders have been passed by the Government in the case of each; and

(d) whether the copies of the resolution and the orders passed thereon will be placed on the table?

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A.—(*a*) The Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, does not provide for the passing by municipal councils of a vote of censure on their Commissioners. The hon. Member apparently refers to the resolution passed by certain municipal councils recommending the removal of their Commissioners under the powers vested in them under sub-section (4) of section 12-C of the Act.

(*b*) Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Palni and Ellore municipalities. The Tanjore Municipal Council passed a resolution asking for the transfer of its Commissioner which was not in the terms of section 12-C of the Act.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Tinnevelly Municipal Council passed the resolution on 16th May 1934, the Coimbatore Municipal Council on 1st March 1935, the Palni Municipal Council on 5th August 1935 and the Ellore Municipal Council on 28th September 1935. In pursuance of these resolutions, the Government under section 12-C of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, replaced the Commissioners of these municipalities by the appointment of other officials. The resolution of the Tanjore Municipal Council was not complied with, but the Commissioner in question has since been reverted to Government service. Copies of the resolutions and of the orders of Government issued thereon are placed on the table of the House.[a]

Representation of Vannikula Kshatriyas in the cadre of Municipal Commissioners.

* 650 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of all Municipal Commissioners (since the question on the subject was answered last time) and the community to which they belong, also where they are working; and

(*b*) the number of Vannikula Kshatriyas employed as Municipal Commissioners and also their names?

A.—(*a*) A statement[b] showing the particulars relating to the fresh appointments of Commissioners, subsequent to question No. 380 answered on the 1st November 1935, is appended.

(*b*) The Vannikula Kshatriya is a sub-sect of the non-Brahman (Hindu) community and the total number of non-Brahman (Hindus) now working as Commissioners is forty-five.

Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, who is the recommending authority for this particular appointment?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 318–320 infra.
[b] Printed in Appendix III on page 320 infra.